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Interview with Mrs. Alta Fraser

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002 Speaking begins - introduction of Mrs. Fraser. She came to Eureka in 1885, and had been in Eureka for 60 years.

006 Mrs. Fraser speaks. There were few sidewalks when she first came to Eureka. No streets were paved at that time.

016 Local opera productions were given at the Russ Hall and Baird's Opera House.

018 "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was one of the productions given, also Kathleen Be Vorniye? Marguerite Lillian was the head lady and Mrs. Killan the head gentleman. Mrs. Killian worked at the Times.

024 Early shopping facilities - W.H. Snow had the only dry goods store, at Second and E. No dresses were sold, one had to buy the material and sew their own.

030 Other merchandise sold by W.H. Snow.

034 Cosmetics were not used by women at that time.

036 There was plenty food - both bread and yeast were made by hand.

039 Food was brought by steamships.

044 Mrs. Fraser described herself as "a dandy sailor, who never got seasick."

048 Description of use of homemade grated potato yeast.

054 Fraser's father was a teamster.

056 He hauled lumber and was especially busy when a steamship came in.

060 Mr. Fraser went to Willow Creek by way of the Lord Ellis Road, which was only a cow trail at the time.

064 It took three full days for the round trip to Willow Creek.

068 A box of peaches cost about $3.00.

078 Description of typical day of housework in the early days.

084 How they "blacked the stove".

086 The Frasers lived at Forbes ? Ranch in Elk River for two years before moving to Eureka.

093 Only for a few ranchers resided at Elk River at that time.

097 Early ranch work done with horse and buggy.

103 A large celebration was held for the opening of the railroad to Eureka in 1914.

123 Mr. Fraser built a house at Hawthorne and California, 6 to 8 blocks past the Baptist Church.

119 Mrs. Fraser had never been on a plane.

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129 Hawthorne Street had only stumps and logs when the house was built.

140 Mrs. Fraser had left Eureka after the death of her husband.

146 Mrs. Fraser would receive a phonograph recording of the program.

150 Speaking ends.